

## Community Health Care, Inc.

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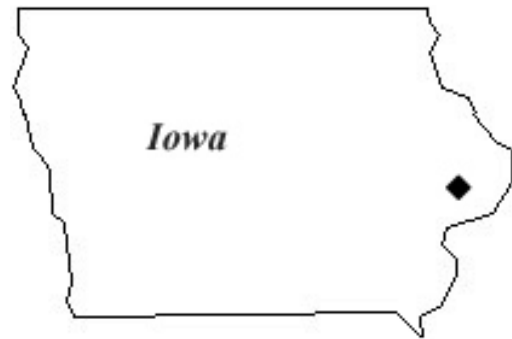
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### Project Description

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Community Health Care (CHC) HCH program provides primary medical care to children and adults who are homeless throughout the Quad City area. Services are provided at five locations and the main CHC clinic.

#### Services

The HCH outreach program provides preventive and acute medical visits, medications, outreach, social service coordination, and case management to men, women, and children who are homeless. Referrals are made for substance abuse treatment and mental health services. The program also provides one emergency dental visit, dental referrals, HIV counseling and testing, shelter, and job, food, and clothing referrals. The program has five outreach sites. One site is open three half days a week. The other four are visited weekly by the outreach staff.

#### Linkages

CHC's outreach program has extensive linkages with shelters, transitional housing programs, local pharmacies, food pantries, eye care providers, and clothing and furniture thrift stores. Referrals are made for mental health services and substance abuse/addictions treatment.

#### Statistics

Estimated homeless population: 2,500 Project users: 1,021

## People's Community Health Clinic, Inc.

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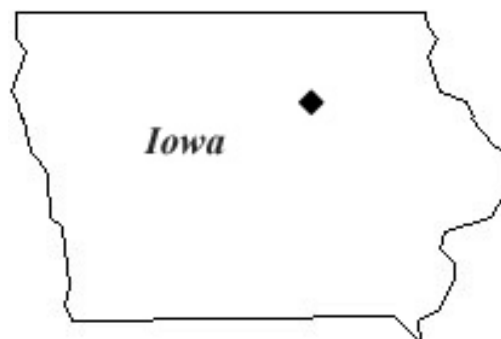
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### **Project Description**

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People's Community Health Clinic (PCHC) has a homeless health care team which provides outreach services in the community and refers persons who are homeless to needed services either directly to the community health clinic or to the appropriate agency. A certified substance abuse counselor is on staff at PCHC for evaluations of clients.

#### **Services**

The homeless health care team visits shelters, street locations, and transitional housing units to assess persons who are homeless, encourage them, and arrange for them to receive medical, substance abuse, and mental health services. PCHC's physicians, PAs, and nurse practitioners provide preventive and acute health care services. A certified substance abuse counselor is on staff for evaluations of clients.

#### **Linkages**

People's Clinic is a member of the local Homeless Coordinating Board. PCHC works cooperatively with local anti-poverty agencies, the food bank, shelters, county relief offices, VA, and other state and federal agencies providing services to persons who are homeless. Linkages are also in place with faith based organizations who assist individuals who are homeless with their basic needs. PCHC has a referral relationship with Black Hawk/Grundy Mental Health Center for mental health services. Pathways and Covenant Medical Center are local organizations that provide chemical dependency treatment.

#### **Statistics**

Estimated homeless population: 800 Project users: 547

## The Outreach Project / Primary Health Care, Inc.

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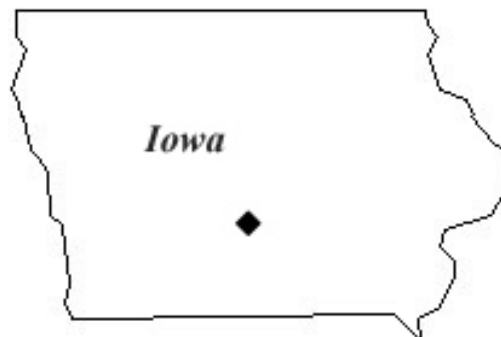
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### Project Description

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The Outreach Project (TOP) is a blend of a McKinney-funded project with three state-funded programs serving chemically-affected women, children, and families with children. TOP works closely with PATH, CAP, HUD, and other community based programs. The Outreach Project maintains 14 outreach clinics in missions, shelters, and multi-service agencies. The project staff visit sites around or near bridges and in abandoned buildings where individuals who are homeless camp.

#### Services

The clinic operates weekdays providing services, including primary health care, substance abuse screening, mental health screening, referrals, and advocacy. The program is staffed by approximately 2.8 FTE providers. Outreach staff travel daily throughout the city. The two free-standing sites are located at the House of Mercy and The Homes of Oakridge campus.

#### Linkages

TOP works closely with other McKinney-funded programs in Des Moines serving youth and young mothers. TOP has established linkages with 100 agencies and organizations serving persons who are homeless, including area shelters, the Iowa Department of Human Services, substance abuse treatment centers, the Des Moines Department of Housing Assistance, and religious and private organizations. Other community connections include Healthy Start, Visiting Nurses Association, and Iowa Empowerment.

#### Statistics

Estimated homeless population: 4,000 Project users: 1,221